

APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A ONE DAY BASS TOURNAMENT ON
MAINE INLAND WATERS

☐ Weigh-in Tournament (\$52.00) **OR** ☐ Catch, Measure, Release Tournament (\$12.00)
☐ Open **OR** ☐ Club

Name of Individual making application: _____

Name of Club or Organization: _____

Address (mailing) _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Email: _____

The above named bass fishing club desires to hold a one-day bass tournament on:

1ST Choice

WATERBODY: _____

TOWN: _____

COUNTY: _____

WEIGH-IN LOCATION: _____

2nd Choice Alternative

DATE _____ from _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

Weigh-in tournaments are not permitted from May 8th to June 14th (dates inclusive) except in Aroostook, Hancock, Piscataquis and Washington Counties. Weigh-in tournaments in these four counties are not permitted from May 20th to June 30th (dates inclusive).

You must have at least two aquatic plants and live well inspectors at the tournament.

The 3rd Saturday in July is loon count; no tournaments will be allowed to start assembling before 9 AM.

See reverse side of application for definitions and requirements.

Applicant Signature and Title

Date

NOTE: It is a Class E crime to obtain a permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation. Title 12 MRSA Section 7373.

Please make check payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine. Mail completed application, along with check to: Fisheries Division - BASS, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, 284 State St., 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0041.

Definition of a Bass Club

For purposes of determining eligibility to apply for a permit to conduct a one-day bass tournament, a "bass club" is defined as any organized group of five or more bass anglers which is able to satisfy one of the following criteria:

1. Provide current documentation of being a member club in Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society (BASS), Northeast Bass Association (NEBA) or other nationally recognized bass fishing organization; or
2. Provide a current listing of club officers and members along with a signed affidavit affirming that the group, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona-fide independent fishing club.

Requirements (General)

1. Any bass club which sponsors a one-day bass tournament must submit a completed bass tournament questionnaire, when requested to do so by an agent of the Commissioner, provided that such request must be made in writing to the sponsoring club prior to the day of the tournament.
2. All anglers in the tournament must possess a valid Maine fishing license unless of an age where a license is not required.
3. Bass tournament boats must be specifically identified in a plainly visible manner and a roster of participants must be available at the location of the weigh-in.
4. Only one permit will be issued on a waterbody for a specific date.
5. All fishing will be restricted to artificial lures.
6. No weigh-in bass tournaments will be permitted on a body of water less than 500 surface acres.
7. A copy of the tournament permit and a copy of the rules affecting one-day tournaments shall be conspicuously displayed during each tournament at a location accessible to all tournament contestants.
8. There shall be a separate permit for Open and Club tournaments. Club tournaments are limited to a maximum participation of 15 boats. Open tournaments are limited to 35 acres per boat with a maximum of 100 boats. Youth tournaments will be scheduled in cooperation with IF&W and no permit will be required.
9. Tournaments may be Catch/Measure/Release or Weigh-In.
 - a) In Catch/Measure/Release tournaments, all bass caught must be immediately released to the location from which caught.
 - b) All bass retained shall be kept in a livewell being operated with the pump(s) in a mode that constantly exchanges livewell water with fresh lake or river water as a flow-through system, except when boats are being operated under power of the main outboard while changing locations, or while motoring to shore immediately prior to weigh-in, at which time the pump(s) may be operated in a manner that aerates a fixed volume of water in the livewell. All bass taken shall be returned to the water from which it was caught, unharmed as far possible, at the conclusion of the tournament day. The daily limit shall be 5 bass per participant with no weight limit.
10. The total cash value of prizes for single-day tournaments shall not exceed \$25,000.
11. The Commissioner has the authority to put any condition necessary on any tournament to assure that appropriate measures are taken to protect biological resources and address social concerns.
12. Weigh-In tournaments are not permitted in Aroostook, Hancock, Piscataquis and Washington Counties from May 20 to June 30 (dates inclusive). In all other counties weigh-in tournaments are not permitted from May 8 to June 14 (dates inclusive).
13. There will be no more than seven weigh-in tournaments on any water greater than 500 acres, only four of which may be open tournaments.

AFFIDAVIT

I, _____ of _____, ME
Name Town
am _____ of a bass fishing club currently known as
Title

Name of bass club

I hereby certify that the bass fishing club herein named, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona fide independent bass fishing club having a slate of officers, as follows:

President	_____
Vice President	_____
Secretary	_____
Treasurer	_____

I understand that the purpose of this affidavit is to certify eligibility for making application to conduct bass tournaments on Maine inland waters and that obtaining a permit through misstatement, misrepresentation or fraud is a criminal violation under Title 12, Section 7383.

I understand that the information I have provided in this affidavit may be checked for accuracy and that falsely completing this affidavit may result in court action against me.

I certify that all the information given in this affidavit is true and accurate.

_____	_____
Date	Signature

STATE OF MAINE

_____, ss.
(County)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public/Attorney
My Commission Expires:

Note: If you do not belong to a nationally recognized bass fishing organization, please attach list of your members to this affidavit.